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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

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SUBJECT

: Discoverer Schedule

: Acting Chief, DPD

The scheduling information you requested as to past and future launches follows below:

# I. Launches to date:

February 28, 1959 Discoverer I -- in orbit without stabilization

April 13, 1959 Discoverer II -- Bio-orbit and reentry over Spitzbergen

June 3, 1959 Discoverer III -- Bic- No orbit

June 25, 1959 Discoverer IV -- First camera. No orbit

August 13, 1959 Discoverer V -- Second camera - orbit - no recovery

August 19, 1959 Discoverer VI -- Third camers - orbit - no recovery

November 7, 1959 Discoverer VII -- Fourth camers - orbit - no recovery

November 20, 1959 Discoverer VIII -- Fifth camera - orbit - no recovery

### II. Future Schedule:

### Assumptions

- (a) First bio pack to be shot for cover purposes in March.
- (b) If (a) is not successful launch will be repeated as soon as possible
- (c) If (a) is successful the extra vehicle will be used to carry camera #5, if it qualifies.

January

1 camera (1959)

February

1 camera (1959)

March

1 bio-pack and 1 camera (1959), or

2 bio-paaks

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2 cameras (1959) April

2 cameras (1959), or 1 camera (1959/and 1 camera (1960) May

June 2 cameras (1960)

2 cameras (1960) The second July shot assumes July

the availability of two improved Agenas in July.

The schedule has slipped so that only one may

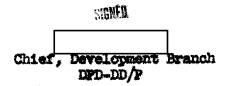
be on hand.

The Agens capable of carrying the ARGON payload is not scheduled until August. As of August 1st, on the above schedule, there will remain to be fired in the Discoverer series:

3 or 4 1960 CORONA payloads

ARGON payloads

The sun line situation is such that an ARGON shot cannot be fired after about October 1st.



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